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Every time I have to load my mimeo in the car for a trip I tell myself that it will be the last time. We'll see. At any rate, a new sub policy is begun; no subs unless you're a player or standby. Maybe someone can convince me that he ought to be able to resub, but in general when a non-player's sub runs out, that's that.

74ABfj-W02-Sp03

Bob Moore has resigned as Austria. He took over some games for a friend and found that he had more altogether than he could handle.

AUSTRIA (Schuetz) F Gre (R) otb. (B) A Vie. L Gre (R) Alb. L Alb-Tri, A Tri (S) Bud-Ser, A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Ser (D, (R) Vie by conditional orders

ENGLAND (Baker) LA Nwy-Fin, F Ska-Den, F Nth (S) Ska-Den, 1 invisible

FRANCE (Rich) No Build. A Gas (S) Bur, A Bur (S) Ruh, F Bel-Hol, A Ruh (S) Bel-Hol, L Mar-Bur, 1 invisible

GERMANY (Blau?) NMR. AL Mur, A Kie, F Helg (H)

ITALY (Schoenberger) No build. F Apu-Adr (NSU), A Apu (U), L Tun-Ion, F Tun-Wes, A Ven (H)

RUSSIA (Dziurzynski) F Pin-Swe, LF Both (S) Fin-Swe, A StP (H), A Gal-Bud, A Rum (S) Gal-Bud, 1 invisible

TURKEY (Cooper) (B) F Smy, F Gre-Alb, AL Ser (S) Gre-Alb, A Con-Gre, F Aeg (C) Con-Gre, A Bul (S) Con-Gre, F Smy (S) Aeg
I have no standbys for this game.

MOVES FOR ALL GAMES DUE JUNE 2. Press (ouch!):

CONSTANTINOPLE: "Yessiree, the Turkist hordes are coming! But now, as a special offer to those within 7 spaces of Constantinople, we can sell double-talk and symbolism at 3 words per supply center. Think about it neighbors; this could be the greatest buy in the century! Of course, it could also be the worst, but what are we doing here anyway?? Think about it..you could get one of the most well-done meatballs in the history of the hobby, or you could go somewhere else and get a medium - well - deal- or you can come here and get a nice raw deal. Hot dogs! Get 'em while they're hot, yessir..."

ROME: F Rome plans to berth in Marseilles on a good will mission soon. Rumors have it: secret dispatches are in the offing after serious entanglements (homework) have tied down the entire Italian legation. Peace lays in the following moves. He plans to keep all agreements suggested by his friends and expects the same from his.

OSLO: The British High Command had finally agreed to reveal the identity of the English leader at a press conference. The first question was asked by an impetuous reporter from one of the tabloids:

"Is John Baker the English Leader?"

This question was greeted with a long, hard stare from the moderator as the conference was not supposed to have started yet. "You don't think that he would risk his life in such a dangerous situation, do you? I would be sitting safe at home in London too, if I could. No, he certainly controls our armies and navies, but he isn't the English Leader. That is what this conference is going to show, who is really the English Leader.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you Typhoid Mary."

She walked into the room in a glass protective shield, amid thunderous applause. After a few minutes, it died down and the questions became rational enough to be answered. The first was again that impetuous man from the tabloid, who obviously was fated never to be allowed in a press conference again. "Why her? Why not some general who could carefully manipulate the armies and bring our enemies to their knees?"

The moderator replied, with another stare that completely quieted the room (he was quite good at that sort of thing, and didn't like stupid questions). "Due entirely to Typhoid Mary, we have already been able to conquer Norway and temporarily hold all of Northern Russia. Our tacticians estimate that she doubles the strength of any army or fleets she commands. This is accomplished simply by her getting a job at any large eating establishment and spreading typhoid, thus weakening the populace."

The gentleman from The Times stood up, and all let him have the floor, as the representative of the single most important paper would get it anyway. "But wasn't she supposed to be in incarceration at Ellis Island?"

"She was, but our contacts in America persuaded them to release her, as she after all was not breaking any laws, and we promised to take her into her care."

The Daily Telegraph next got the floor. "Where will she next lead our armies to victory?"

"Probably in Finland. After that, well, are you cleared for 'Top Secret/Limited Access/National Security/Eyes Only' information?"

The ill-fated young man from the tabloid had again got the floor, and the moderator was forced at last to recognize him. "But how can our leaders use such a gruesome method, even against our enemies?"

At this, Typhoid Mary, who thus far had been saying nothing, finally spoke. "Young man, would you like to come over for tea this afternoon? I've fixed some crumpets you would just love."

LONDON: Does anybody out there not know who Typhoid Mary is?

PARIS GP: Highly placed leaks report: Failure of the army's SIG plan (Sneak-into-Germany), has set back the takeover of Germany for at least one year, and the French war production is falling behind those of her enemies (may God rot their souls!).

PARIS UCG: In a speech before the Council of the Gutter: The Father of the Puridest Sty, His Honor Typhoid, of the Orthodox Church of the Sty, "strictly speaking, one must say, 'O Great GM in the Sky of the Sty', such that the first prayer released by the UCG is not quite in the spirit of the truth." His Honor also spoke against the use of riff-raff from the Paris sewers in airborne drops into Russia, and mentioned reports that the riff-raff were armed with obsolete weapons.

WO (Worshippers of Orion): And it was said in the 47th Book of Orion that the people of the sty and all the priests thereof must repent or vanish into the Void called the Sky of the Sty.

ORION: Note that I don't edit press much, if at all; and I'm not sweating typos much.

73Yt-End

Everyone votes to concede the game to Doug Dick's ARNOR following Winter 3006. Hope to have a supply center chart next time. Gratulieren. Thanks to all who played as replacements (perhaps everyone now in the game!?)

74Mfe-Spring 2755

HARAD-RHUN (Clumm) A SGon-Por, A WRhu-SRhu, F BoB-Mid, F Wes (S)
 Bob_Mid, A Oro-MinMor, A Dag (H) (A)
 GONDOR (Berendt) A Wet-Min, F Dol-Bob, A Por**F Por, F Lef (S)
 Dol-BoB, A Gap-Ened, A Dun (S) Ga-Ened
 MEN (Gemignani) A SWil-Dag, A Dea (S) SWil-Dag, A WWil-SRhu (IMP
 A EWil (S) DWARF ERhu-SRhu (IMP), A ere (H). Peggy, look at your map!
 ELVES (Eynon) A Gund (S) DWARF A NWas-Forod, A Ang-Foroch, A NDow
 **F NDow, A Carr-Gla, A NMir-Mir, A RivRun (S) DWARF A Searhu, A Lor-
 Cel, A Fan-Emn, F Mid (S) GONDOR F Lef-BoB (NSU, D)
 AGNMAR (Southard) A Forod (H) (A)
 DWARVES (Schlickbernd) A ERhu-SRhu, A Searhu-WRhu, A NWas-Forod,
 A Thar (H), A EredLu-Minh, F Minh-Mid, A Iro-WWas
 MORDOR (CD of sorts) A's Udu and Barad (S) Minas Morgul

DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS JUNE 2. John Southard intended to resign but submitted moves and got wiped out anyway. But he won't be taking over Mordor, though he sent above moves for the fortress. I've decided to establish the fortress henceforth, even if someone later comes forward as a replacement, I won't put him in Mordor because that might be unfair to some players who plan with Mordor as a CD fortress. OK?

A question struck me the other day. Can a fleet move from Forlindon to Lune? I guess so, since it can move by sea and avoid the mts.

73Adi Winter1912

Cleaveland: A Kie (R) Ruh. (B) F Spa so.
 Jordan: A Tyr (R) Boh. F Lpl (R) Cly. (E) F Sev
 Eynon: (B) A Yen, A Gre

Some people wanted to see what the adjustments would be, so Spring is due next time.

73Et--Holding

Doug Dick sent me a copy of the original rules used for this game (from SILMARILLI), which I didn't have with me. His move of A Bel IS legal, so he succeeds in moving to Anorien. Also, Jim Cooper doesn't have his ME IV rules yet (waiting for an MGA Variant Package). So we're going to hold up until next time for fall moves.

74Eez--Fall 5004

47 (Aronson) F 30b (A)
 48 (Cooper) F 7-6, F 8 (S) 48-22, F 33a-30a, F 33a-34b, 2F 38b-39b, 2F 36-39b, 2F 26b-34c, F 48-22, F 48-26a, F 34b-26a Main=104, move=12, combat=24, owns home and adjacent (except 26b), 7, 39b, 33a, 34a,c, 30a=208, Tr=275.

49 (Claman?) F 12, F 11 (H), F 37 (H) (A). Isolated and in CD hereafter.

50 (Eynon) F 46-12, F 46-44, F 49 (S) 42-12 (NSU), F 49 (S) 39a-37, F 39a-37, 2F 39a-36, F 39a-38b, F 39a (S) F 49, F 39b-39 (D), F 39b-44 F 39b (S) 39a-38b (D), F 50-43a, F 15-50. Trade 180 with Cleaveland. Main=112, move=12, combat=14, owns home and adjacent, 16, 5, 3, 44, 46, 49, 39a, 36, 37, 38a,b,c, 32b, 33c=361, Tr=516.

51 (Cleaveland) F 6-7, F 21-22, F 24a-30a, F 24b-30b, F 28-29b, F 33b-33a, F 25-26a, F 25-26b, F 34c-34b, F 29a-33a, F 29b-33b, F 30c (S) 34c-34b, F 29c-33d, F 21 (S) 21-22. Main=112, move=10, combat=20, Owns home and adjacent, 47 and adjacent, 19, 28, 29a,b,c, 25, 41, 33b, d, 30b, c, 32a, c, 34b, 26b=479, Tr=673.

Hoping that I've not made any serious errors (ha!), let's try for Winter and Spring together. If that's too much for Jim, considering the two retreating fleets, then we'll just have winter.

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"GEMIGNANI AWARDS"

I've received the following statement from Margaret Gemignani:

The Gemignani Awards are being withdrawn due to popular demand. Everybody seemed to be united in one thing about the awards, they either seriously dislike them or mildly dislike them. But they all dislike them. These awards were meant, at the time I approved them, to be the pie-in-face awards for those of Dippy world who were either rogues or booked themselves as rogues. It was meant to pay back the backstabber and the writers of propaganda that barely gets past the post office. But along the way, it changed and became just what giving the award was supposed to suppress. The awards are not meant to offend practically everyone, so they are withdrawn. We have enough hard feeling in Dippy without making some more.

The awards were not intended to make anyone appear vicious or obnoxious, or to hurt any more feelings than are already hurt in Diplomacy by the very things the awards are supposed to stand against. Since they are not accomplishing their job, that is the end of them.

/signed/ Peggy

Now a couple excerpts from letters of Robert Sacks, who is doing the whatever-they-will-now-be-called awards.

(20 April) "Re GA

- 1- Rosenberg proposed the name, Gemignani approved.
- 2- It was never a joke; humorous, but not a joke.
- 3- Nominations were made by the public--I don't know of some of them, and I disagree with some.
- 4- The Canadians are upset over the nomination of 2 games from Arrakis as worst.

Lakofka has 4 nominations.

Slimak objects to his 3 nominations.

Really Lew."

(4 May) "...The Gemignani Awards have been conducted in a perfectly proper manner, and Margaret did not withdraw (what does it mean for her to withdraw anyhow?) until you told her to..."((that is the end of the sentence, but there's more to the paragraph))

First, let's make it clear that each person's action is his or her own responsibility. I didn't tell Margaret to do anything; my only communication with her concerning the awards was through the statement in BI. I disagree that the GA have been conducted properly--unless by "proper" you mean they've been conducted as sloppily, and with as little regard for the people involved, as the Calhamer Awards in order to make a point. If so, it was a point already acknowledged and not worth making. Let's face it--even to non-nominees (and the two BI players who commented on the GA both dislike them, and I think neither is nominated) the awards are offensive. There is no humor, unless you're thinking of the kind of "humor" that derives from laughing at someone's misfortune or torment, rather than with a person or at a situation. I refuse to participate in laughing at people. I think different categories would have helped. Certainly you should have asked nominees if they would accept a place on the ballot (if it was really humorous, they wouldn't have minded, would they?).

I don't know just what her withdrawal means, except that you certainly can't use her name henceforth (and if you do, it would as logically be an issue for the IDA Judicial Committee as some of the stuff already in front of same). My own suggestion is that you drop the things and don't even bother to report results. I still know of no one but yourself who cares for the awards, though I suppose there must be more somewhere.

-- Beware of creeping Dudism! Duddduddduddduddduddduddda --

Dave Kadlecak, in Speculum, has openings for many variants, among them Middle Earth VII (\$1 plus sub), Gigaton Bomb (\$2 plus sub), and Youngstown Variant (\$2 plus sub). Sub is 10/\$2, 1447 Sierra Creek Way, San Jose, Calif 95132.

IS REPRINTING WITHOUT PERMISSION ETHICAL?

NOTE
Rod Walker and TDA have been in a go-round about various aspects of the above question, and IDA has become involved. Walker reprinted TDA's "A Rating Survey", which is a listing of players and ratings resembling the Averaged Calhamer Point Count, and using a rating base devised by TDA rather than adopted from the Postal Diplomacy Rating Commission. The article has been printed in a number of zines, with permission of TDA; it includes a copyright notice. Eric Verheiden asked the IDA Council to reprimand Walker and make him apologize, or failing to accomplish that, to replace him as IDA Ombudsman. Foolishly enough (for many reasons), this was taken to the IDA Judicial Committee. (Verheiden is a member of the TDA Board of Directors, so the copyright was part his, and he is acting in his own right--TDA is not directly involved. At least, that is what I have been told.)

Walker claims that TDA is wrong to copyright the material, that the hobby tradition is freedom of the press and freedom of information exchange. At present in the IDA Judicial Committee, Edi Birsan and others are attempting to show that the copyright is not effective or that what Walker did was "fair use" under the law, and so permissible. On this ground Birsan has, in his usual manner, attempted to throw the question under the rug and hope that it will go away, rather than solve it completely now and establish a precedent. Whether the copyright is legally binding is IRRELEVANT. The question is, ought we to condone the reprinting of material that was clearly not intended for reprint without permission? This has NEVER been the tradition of the hobby, at least not since I've been in it (1969). It has always been customary to ask for reprint permission, even of articles which were not copyrighted. While I sympathize with Walker's concern with being accurate in his criticism (it is more fair to the party being criticized if you can reprint exactly what they say, though it is difficult to apply that criterion because so much would have to be printed in most cases), I cannot agree with what he has done. I think he is more interested in attacking TDA and John Beshara than in attacking the copyright. Hobby zines have been copyrighted for years--I used to do so with BI, Paul Wood and John Van De Graaf do so with Yggdrasill Chronicle, other publishers do, and IDA itself copyrights its Dippy Handbooks. Where was Walker all this time?

Some other points. What Walker does is Walker's business. IDA should never have been drawn into this, and I expressed this position immediately to Verheiden and to the IDA Council. Since Walker is chairman of the Judicial committee, and there is considerable dispute about just who is a member of the JC, that committee was hardly in a

condition to make a judgement anyway. Walker's actions as Walker are separate from his position as Ombudsman. Only if Walker did something heinous, so bad that it would seriously affect his ability to act as Ombudsman, would the IDA Council have any reason to become involved. The Judicial Committee ought not to be a kangaroo court for trying all sorts of personal disputes, either, but that seems to be what it is becoming.

If you would like to see my view as expressed before this incident occurred, see my columns in Diplomacy World (4 or 5, I think) where I mention someone who reprinted EARTHSEA DIPLOMACY without permission (as it turned out, this was misunderstanding growing from negligence, or perhaps sloppiness would be a better word, of the publisher).

Even if I do not include a copyright notice on some material I write, I would probably be very annoyed (an understatement) if someone reprinted anything I had done without permission, unless it was clearly for a perfectly harmless purpose. In this case, the reprinting was done with intent to criticize--hardly harmless from the viewpoint of the TDA people involved.

NOTE: I speak as a member of the hobby, not as an IDA officer. Also, I am not a member of TDA, nor do I have plans to become one. Walker is a member of TDA, though I'm not sure that that is relevant.

I want to repeat that I am especially disgusted at those who wish to sweep this question under the rug by ignoring the basic issue, and instead by concentrating on the effectiveness of the copyright. There is a bill before the Judicial Committee (put unilaterally by Edi Birsan, rather than by the chairman (though in this case Walker may have transferred chairmanship to Birsan, though he had not done so earlier in the dispute)) to end the affair because the legality of the copyright is in question; the proposed bill rejects any idea of sanctions (an idea I reject also) because the copyright is not clear, without consideration of the ethical question involved. The question should never have come before the JC in the first place, but once it did, it should have been dealt with thoroughly and fairly; it has not been, if this committee bill goes through.

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Hey, Edi, I'm not running for anything next year, and while I'm not much respected in some parts, I'm willing to be vote counter for IDA elections if Beyerlein won't or is unacceptable in some quarters.

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